440 MW atomic power units offered by the Soviet Union in India; and

(b) if so, the details of decision taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Discussions on technical, economic and other aspects of the Soviet offer are continuing.

(b) Does not arise.

Nuclear weapons grade equipment from USA to Pakistan

*57. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent acts of smuggling of nuclear weapons grade equipments and materials out of USA by Pakistan (Parvez case) constitute a direct violation of American export and non-proliferation laws;

(b) if so, whether Government have since taken up the matter with USA; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the USA Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On several occasions Government have conveyed to the United States Government India's concern over Pakistan's clandestine nuclear-related procurement from abroad as part of its evident determination to develop nuclear weapons.

(c) The United States Government has stated that it has concerns about aspects of Pakistan's nuclear programme. However it has waived the application of existing laws that would have resulted in a termination of US assistance to Pakistan.

Acquisition of F-16 by Pakistan

*58. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the "Times of India" dated 9th February, 1988 to the effect that Pakistan is to acquire about 100 more F-16 Fighter aircraft from the US and negotiations were in progress between China, a Pakistan Private company and an American firm; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps taken by Government with the supplying countries and the countries involved in this deal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While Government are aware of Pakistan's efforts to acquire additional F-16 aircraft, there is no confirmed information about negotiations to set up facilities in Pakistan for the assembly of Hawkeye AEW aircraft.

Our views about Pakistani's acquisition of weapons far in excess of its legitimate defence requirements have been conveyed to all concerned from time to time.

Resource gap for the Seventh Plan

*59. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the remaining part of the 7th Plan there is a resource gap between Rs. 14,000 crores to Rs. 16,000 crores as against the total pub-

lic sector outlay in the plan period of Rs. 1,80,000 crores as appeared in the "Hindustan Times" dated 13th January, 1988;

(b) whether Government propose to cut the burgeoning non-plan expenditure during the remaining two years of the plan period;

(c) whether Government propose to mobilise additional resources through tapping new sources of revenue and widening the tax base; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Non-Plan expenditure is constantly under review of the Government with a view to containing its growth.

(c) and (d) Specific proposals for mobilising additional resources are decided on year to year basis in the context of emerging needs as well as economic situation. The details are reflected in the Annual Budgets of the Central and State Governments.

Crash of trainer Aircraft

*60. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an IAF MIG 21 trainer aircraft crashed on the 10th February, 1988 near Lucknow;

(b) whether a court of enquiry has been ordered in the crash; and

(c) if so, what were the reasons for the crash?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir. However it was not a trainer, but a combat aircraft.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Court of Enquiry is yet to submit its report. However, its findings and recommendations would be classified and cannot be disclosed in the public interest.

Task force for long term perspective plan

278. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Task Force to prepare a long term perspective plan for the development of the infrastructure for future projects including projects in power, coal, oil, railway and shipping sectors;

(b) if so, the main purpose of this Task Force;

(c) whether any interim report has been prepared by them; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to implement that report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI (BIREN SINGH ENGTI)σ (a) No, Sir, However, Planning Commission has set up a Steering Group for Energy Modelling and a Steering Committee for Transport Planning for the infrastructural sectors of energy and transport.

(b) The main purpose of the group and the committee is to provide guidance to the Development of quantitative models and to organise and co-ordinate studies for the purpose of long range planning for the sectors of power, coal, oil and natural gas, railways, coastal shipping and other transport modes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Implementation of the twenty point programme

279. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the latest position of different States in implementation of the Twenty Point Programme merit-wise;